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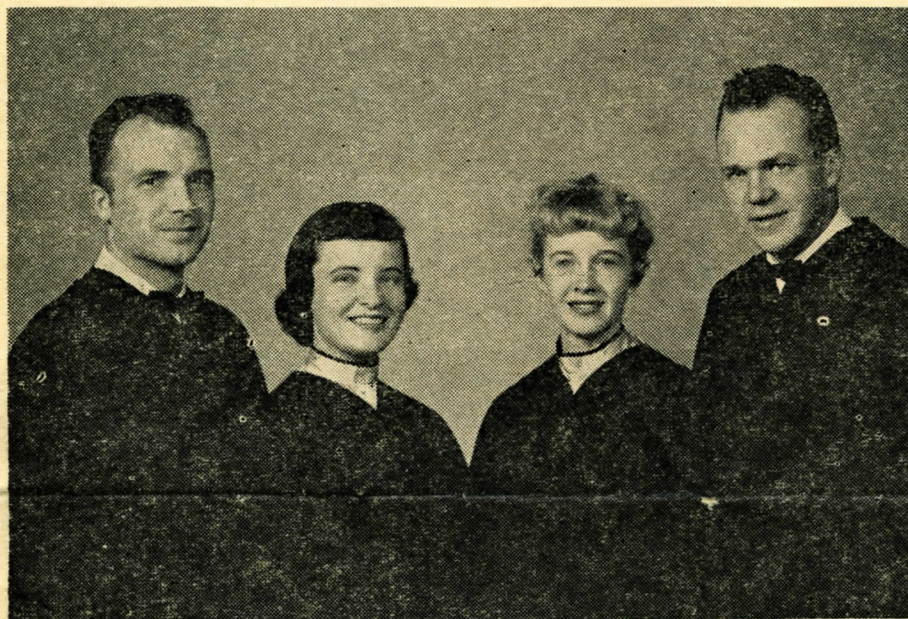
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THE ANNUAL REFORMATION DAY MEETING

THE DORDT MIXED QUARTET



Mr. and Mrs. Dale Grotenhuis

Mr. and Mrs. Peter De Boer

Mixed Quartet Presents Concerts

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A mixed quartet composed of Mr. and Mrs. Peter De Boer and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Grotenhuis have presented three concerts recently. They performed at Chandler, Minnesota, September 16; at Kanahwa, Iowa, September 30; and at the First First Christian Reformed Church of Sioux Center, Sunday evening, Oct. 9th.

Organized under the auspices of Dordt College, the quartet serves as a representative link between the opening term and the college choir tour. Appearances are scheduled especially for churches not included on the choir route.

Discovery of the quartet was a result of an evening's entertainment in the De Boer home. A pitch pipe and four voices, each singing a different part, were combined to form the compound, harmony. This process was perfected through practice

and was presented in its polished form at a hymn sing in the First Christian Reformed Church of Sioux Center last spring. As a result, this discovery was accepted and became a working substance for Dordt College.

This compound may be analyzed into a piano-organ duet, a tenor solo, a bass-tenor duet, and a soprano-alto duet. A varied program is achieved through this process.

Coming appearances are scheduled for:

First Christian Reformed Church, Rock Valley, Iowa, October 16;

Christian Reformed Church, Platte, South Dakota, October 21;

Christian Reformed Church, Sioux Falls, South Dakota, October 23.

Plans are in the making to spend the Thanksgiving weekend in Denver to present an afternoon concert at the Third Christian Reformed Church and an evening concert at the First Christian Reformed Church on Sunday the 27th. Other appearances will be scheduled throughout the year.

Marlene Bleeker

Monday, October 31,
at 8:00 P.M.

Rev. Peter Eldersveld
To Speak

The Annual Reformation Day mass meeting, sponsored by Dordt College, will be held on Reformation Day, Monday, October 31, at 8:00 p.m. in the Sioux Center Public Auditorium.

The main speaker is the Reverend Peter Eldersveld, Back to God Hour minister.

Special features on the program are numbers by the Western Christian High School Band, conducted by Mr. Hazen Brummel, and by the Dordt College Choir, directed by Mr. Dale Grotenhuis.

The Public School Auditorium can seat 1800 people. Plans are to provide 1000 chairs on the main floor. An offering will be taken to defray expenses.

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Envelope Campaign For Funds Under Way Foundation Day Goal: \$20,000.00

Sixty Christian Reformed churches in Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota will be sending out their young people this week, October 24-29, to contact the members of these churches for their gifts to the Dordt College Foundation Drive.

Each family is receiving a letter from the College office, explaining the campaign and providing an envelope for this purpose. Churches, which are not sending their young people to gather the gifts from their members, are urging their people to send the envelopes directly to the College.

The Executive Board is placing high hopes on this campaign. Present increases in costs of operation, the expense involved in equipping our new biology laboratory, and the necessity to catch up on the shortage in the spring debt-reduction offerings, make it imperative that this

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Guest Editorial

... Rev. Alfred Hannink

REFORMATION POWER

The Reformation is now centuries old. But because it was a movement of such massive historical significance, it still affects our lives today. Possibly more importantly, its original message ought to be clearly heard by us today. For the Reformation was a movement of power, spiritual power, the power of God unto salvation.

In our day the realities of various power centers constantly surround us—power among the nations, political power, economic power. These forces press upon us. We reckon with them. But what of Reformation power? Are not we sons of the Reformation? Ought not we be the carriers of the power of the Reformation?

The power of the Reformation is demonstrated in the liberating power of the gospel. The gospel is powerful. It is the "power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth" (Rom 1:16). The gospel fairly tingles with power. We stand aghast at the increased power of nature being released by scientists, but we must not fail to realize the "exceeding greatness of his power" (Eph. 1:19) wrought in us by the gospel.

The power liberates. Politically speaking, worldly power does not always free. When power is in the hands of dictators it enslaves. As a matter of fact, power in the hands of natural man always tends to enslave. There are safeguards against this, such as we find in our Constitution.

The gospel, however, frees. It frees from the worst bondage of all and the root of all bondage, namely, sin. "If therefore the Son of man shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). And the Apostle Paul had to plead with the Galatians to stand fast in the liberty wherewith Christ had made them free because of their desire to be in bondage again to the weak and beggarly elements. It was this liberating power that the Reformers experienced. Martin Luther, for example, knew himself to be in bondage. He tried every way to break it. Even the church did not help him. Rather it prevented him from touching the source of liberating power until he finally found it himself when he discovered the gospel.

The freedom of the gospel is freedom from the power of materialism, and the power of fear of what may happen to us if we live out the full-orbed gospel of God's grace. And then I would ask, How free are we? In our personal and family lives how free are we from the power of sin? And is not our support of the church and kingdom limited by the chains of materialism? Are we free from the power of men and the world so that with single-minded joy we are fulfilling our calling? By God's grace the men of the Reformation were freedmen, and through faith in the living Christ they were channels of the power of God in the world, loosing mankind from bondage.

The power of the Reformation is measured by the extent to which we listen to the voice of the Lord in His Word. Prior to the Reformation the church had largely ceased to listen to the voice of God in the Word. Consequently the church was weak and worldly. On the other hand, the strength of the Reformers lay in their submission to the Word. If this is bondage, then it is bondage that frees, and that releases spiritual power. The angel said to Mary, "For no word of God shall be void of power" (Luke 1:37). Yes, men try to bind the Word of God, but they cannot, for "the Word of God is not bound" (II Timothy 2:29). The secret of power is effectually listening to this Word.

Now, listening to the voice of the Lord is more than saying that the Bible is God's Word. We are very solicitous about having the right doctrine of God's Word as being His inerrant and authoritative revelation. Well and good. Yet, how much do we really listen to what God says. Consider the upheaval throughout Europe due to the Reformation. People heard the voice of the Lord and tremendous changes took place. A veritable revolution occurred. What made John Calvin such a giant of power? Was it not because he responded to the voice of God which he heard. He did not fear popes or potentates. He was not cowed by the council of Geneva nor moved by the wrath of mobs. He was strong because he bowed the knee only to the demands of God's Word.

We are indeed called to utter the voice of the Lord to a sin-cursed world. Men need to hear this voice over against the confusion of the voices of man. They need to know the blessed gospel of redeeming

grace. They need to be brought to faith in the crucified, risen, reigning and returning Savior. But we are not only spokesmen, we are and must be listeners. We surely need to beware that we are not classed with those who "honor me with their lips, but their heart is far from me" (Matthew 15:8). If we will not listen to His Word, then God will cause His power to break out afresh through others.

The power of the Reformation is sustained by our vision of the glory of God. "Soli Deo Gloria" surely characterized the Reformers. To work so that life shone with the glory of God was their supreme goal. By faith they saw God's glory. Their efforts were dedicated to the task of translating that vision into the practical, everyday realities of life.

The glorification of God is the high calling of every son of the Reformation, especially Calvinistic sons. To fulfill it we must have a vision of the things eternal, we must by faith be looking for "the city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God" (Hebrews 11:10). We must have the heavenly perspective. A sharp and clear vision of doing all to His glory gives persevering power, else we become weary in well-doing.

A primary force in instilling such a vision is the Christian educational movement. John Calvin was not unaware of the importance of Christian education, as demonstrated in the Academy which he founded. Education is not merely one of the spheres of life which must be God-glorifying, for education is the means by which minds and hearts are molded with respect to all of life. Our outlook upon life is formed in the educational process. The home, church, and the school must complement each other in order that the total educational process may be a unified, consistent whole. Under God's blessing this is the means by which the vision of a God-glorifying life is wrought in us.

In our man-glorifying age we must all the more provide a God-glorifying higher education for our youth. We cannot allow them to drift off into secular institutions where their vision of a God-glorifying life is subject to the baleful influence of the powers of darkness.

God grant us all a renewed vision of His glory—the glory of His gracious gospel, of life in Christ, of His eternal kingdom, and of the high privilege of possessing the glorious liberty of the sons of God that we "may show forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." (I Peter 2:9).

Fine Arts Program Arranged

**Features Mixed Choir, Male Chorus,
Madrigal, Male Quartets, Sextet,
Trio, Solo, Humorous Readings**

Dordt College has already become well-known for its Fine Arts programs. Last year the response of our people was so overwhelming that a repeat of the performance was necessary. This year we will aim at meeting the public's interest by giving a Fine Arts program both in the fall and in the spring. Each program will be given two nights. This year's fall performances will be held on Friday, November 4, and Wednesday, Nov. 9. These are to be given in the Dordt College Auditorium at 8 p.m.

Tickets for these events are to be purchased at the College, either in advance or at the door the evening of the program. We have set the price at seventy-five cents per person, the same as last year. This may seem extravagant. However, when one knows that the funds, made available to the college, will subsidize the student activity program, and the Dordt Choir tour to Lynden, Washington, it should fully justify the cost. Then, too, these programs bring something that is of educational benefit not only to the students but also to our constituency. They provide an ideal opportunity for creative expression, offer wholesome entertainment, and fill an important need in our social life.

Without question, much of the success of these programs is due to the directorship of Mr. Dale Grotenhuis. He not only plans the entire program but

spends many hours with the participants in preparation for the performance. Both sacred and non-sacred music will be featured. Since there was such a warm response to some folk songs sung by the male chorus, Mr. Grotenhuis plans to include a few of these again this year.

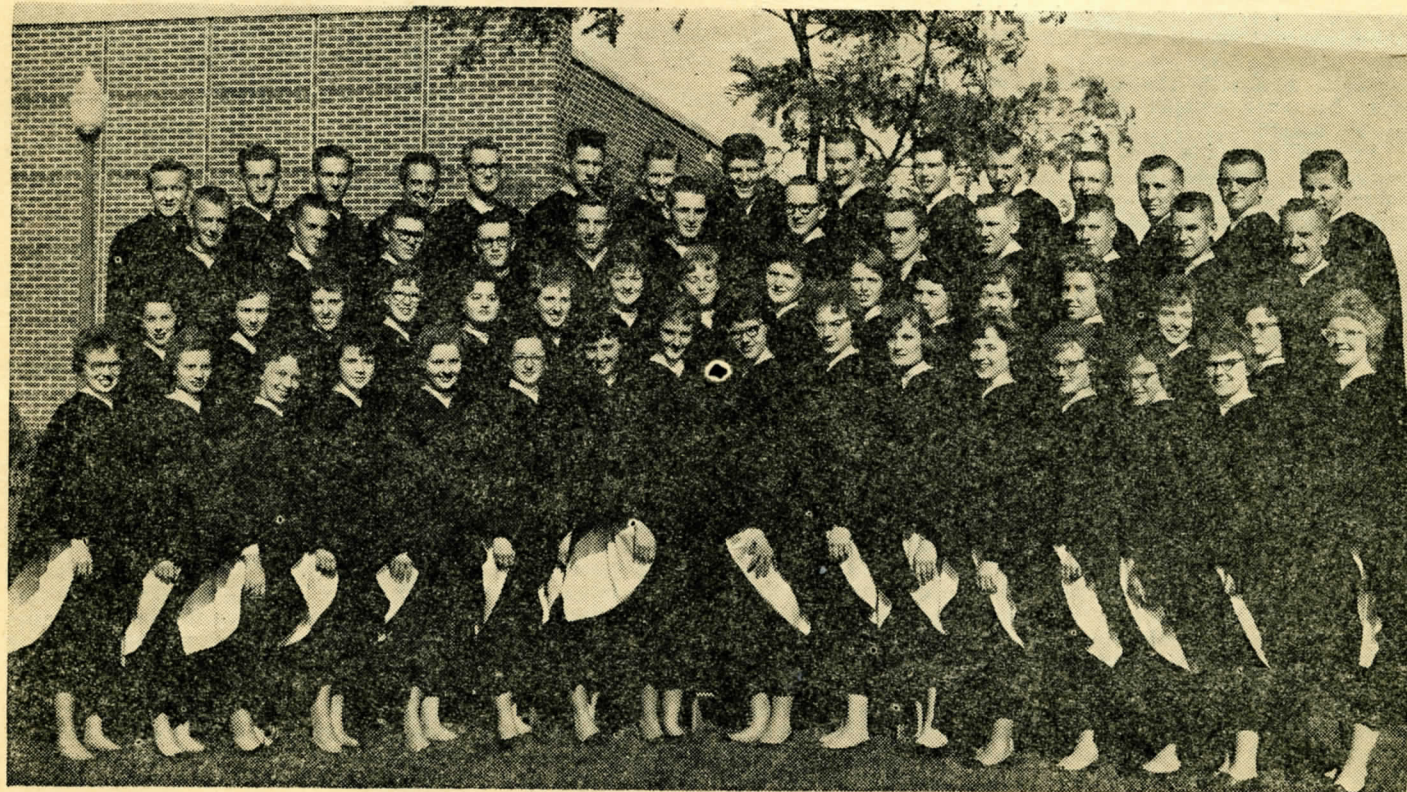
With the abundance of talent at Dordt College this year, there is every reason to believe that the Fine Arts Programs will excel those of previous years, which is saying a great deal.
B.J.H.

Soup Supper at the College Veterans Day, Friday, Nov. 11

The college is sponsoring another soup supper this fall on Friday, November 11. This year the women's organizations from Ireton and Rock Valley are joining the ladies from Sioux Center in carrying this out.

Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m. There will be quick service since both the basement commons and the auditorium will be used. This is a fine day to come with the family to Dordt College and to meet with your friends. A free-will contribution is requested. All our people are cordially invited.
—B.J.H.

Dordt Choir to Sing at Fine Arts Program



Dordt Students State Their Views

(Since many of our constituents are investing substantial sums of money in Dordt College, it might be of interest to them to read a few student attitudes toward the school. Is Dordt College filling a need in the lives of the young people attending here? We believe what you read below is typical of the attitude of the students.—B.J.H.)

Dear Friends:

I find it indeed a privilege to be enrolled as a sophomore at Dordt College. This is true not only because our college's academic standards are of high quality, but also because our college is a Christian college with the motto, SOLI DEO GLORIA. Consequently, our students are continually reminded that all things must be done to the glory of God alone. Therefore our classroom lectures and assignments take on new emphasis since we are now fulfilling definite purposes. One of Dordt's best means of glorifying God is with our songs of praise in choir and in chapel. Our chapel exercises are held as a source of spiritual inspiration for the students and to honor and to glorify God. I am convinced that Dordt College's environment creates an atmosphere of spiritual advantages and indoctrinates its students in the beliefs of Christianity. Now Dordt merits your support for the promotion of God's kingdom through His youth.

Joanne Joling,
Vesper, Wisconsin

Dear Friends:

During my senior year in high school I was faced with the problem common to so many young people. Basically the problem was this: In what college shall I study to be what?

At that time the first part of this problem seemed rather easy to solve. I had a brother and sister attending Calvin and it seemed only natural that I should be the third. The romantic idea of attending big Calvin College in big Grand Rapids appealed to me. For a time that question was answered. I was going to Calvin. However as graduation neared I was approached by a man from that little college in Sioux Center. He outlined what Dordt had to offer and I began to consider Dordt as a college worth investigation.

In the fall of 1959 I registered at Dordt. Why? I had only ideas at the time. But now more than a year has passed and those ideas have turned to reasons, reasons I want you to know about.

The basic reason behind any person's acts and thoughts should, of course, be the spiritual value obtained from them. When I came to Dordt I had no realization of how great the spiritual value would be.

In high school I had never really given God a great amount of thought. I was care-free, enveloped by worldly things. Nor had I given my vocation much thought. High school teachers, I had decided, led an interesting life, therefore, I would be one.

But then came Dordt. I enrolled as an English major and was happy for some time. However I had entered an entirely different environment compared to what I had experienced before. Adjustment was necessary and I thank God that this adjustment was made at Dordt because here were young people who were making use of that basic need I expressed. They realized God's place in their lives and so I also began to understand that I was to do as He wished. That, I can honestly say, is why I now look confidently forward to being a minister. This is what God wants of me rather than being a teacher as I wanted. Dordt College was instrumental in making this clear to me.

However there are other reasons for my gratitude. I will consider two which I think are more important. Young people in this area very often complain that there is little social entertainment in Northwest Iowa. I disagree. In fact, I think Dordt students have advantages over many others. College activities fill many nights during the school year and there are also many fun and fellowship parties. We can only be thankful we have these to keep us from worldly amusements.

Finally, overshadowing the social lives of students are Dordt's academic demands.

Study takes much of our time. All who come to Dordt soon realize that our standards are not low. Dordt is an accredited junior college and, although only five years old, she has a good, solid curriculum. However, I regret to say that she is only a junior college. How I wish there were two more years awaiting me after this one. I know there are other colleges, but I also know that to me there will never be another Dordt.

Wm. Van Tol,
Doon, Iowa

Dear Friends:

Within the next few weeks young people will be knocking at your door, asking for a contribution for Dordt College. Some of these young people may be future students, some attending at present, and others may be alumni.

I am sure that many of you are wondering what Dordt College means to these young men and young women. Since not all of you will have the opportunity to talk to these young people, because some

are asked to send their gift by mail, I would like to tell you what Dordt College means to me.

September, 1958, has been a great turning point in my life. At that time I left my hometown, Sussex, N. J., and registered at Dordt College.

When I entered the building I saw the words "Soli, Deo, Gloria" engraved on brick, but I can assure you, dear reader, that these words have become meaningful, because they are felt through the whole atmosphere at the college.

At Dordt College I have received a Christian education. There, psychology, philosophy, biology and history courses are not mere facts but have the Christian background.

The unity of the student body has been of great importance throughout my college years.

Finally, I would like to say a few things about the faculty members. These men are not just here for giving lectures, but they have proven in their life that they are devoted to their task.

The personal interest of each faculty member has been something I will never forget. They have shown that they are interested in the life of each student, and want each student to succeed.

Remember Dordt College needs you, but you also need Dordt College. They are not just asking for your financial support, but they also ask you for your prayers.

Remember those men, who diligently work at this school, preparing young people for kingdom work. Many vacancies in our Christian Schools have been filled by Dordt Alumni, and in a few years some pulpits in our denomination will be filled by Dordt graduates.

Before I close I will like to express my thankfulness and gratitude to the people of this area, who made it possible for me, and will also make it possible for you, to study at this school.

Anita Cuperus,
Sussex, New Jersey
(Alumnae, now teaching in the
Sioux Center Christian School)

ENVELOPE CAMPAIGN FOR FUNDS UNDER WAY

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drive reach the \$20,000.00 goal.

Approximately eight thousand envelopes have been sent out. In past drives about 900 to 1000, or one-eighth of the total, were returned. The average gift from the 900 to 1000 returns in the past years has been very good—\$10.00 average. The Finance Committee believes that many more people are willing to contribute. It is expected that this direct contact with the people will result in at least a fifty percent return from the total, which would mean contributions from 4000 individuals or families.